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CREDENTIALS

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L. CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE OF IMCO INMARSAT
CONFERENCE, WHICH IS COMPOSED OF ARGENTINA, DENMARK,
INDONESIA, LIBERIA AND POLAND, MET FOR FIRST TIME
ON MORNING OF APRIL 30. AS CREDENTIALS OF THREE
DELEGATIONS STILL NOT IN ORDER (THOSE OF BELGIUM,
IRAQ AND SUDAN), COMMITTEE DECIDED TO DEFER
CONSIDERATION UNTIL AFTERNOON OF MONDAY, MAY 5, AND

AGREED TO SIDESTEP ALSO UNTIL THEN QUESTION OF HOW TO
TREAT CREDENTIALS OF REPUBLIC SOUTH VIETNAM. DANISH
MEMBER (WHO CONSULTED WITH U.S. BEFOREHAND) AND POLISH
MEMBER WERE ADAMANT THAT SOUTH VIETNAM QUESTION NOT BE
ADDRESSED BY COMMITTEE AT THIS JUNCTURE. COMMITTEE
SECRETARY (BUSHA, U.S. NATIONAL WHO FUNCTIONS AS
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ASSISTANT LEGAL ADVISOR IN IMCO SECRETARIAT) WAS

REQUESTED BY COMMITTEE IN MEANWHILE TO EXPLORE WITH
SOUTH VIETNAM REPRESENTATIVE WHAT INTENTIONS OF
HIS DELEGATION ARE.

2. CONFERENCE, WHICH PRESENTLY IS IN COMMITTEE
SESSIONS ONLY, PROBABLY WILL RECONVENE IN PLENARY
SESSION MAY 1 OR 2 (BEFORE CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE NEXT
MEETS). IN THIS EVENT, SECRETARY GENERAL INTENDS TO
REPORT SIMPLY THAT COMMITTEE IS NOT YET IN POSITION TO
REPORT.

3. DANISH MEMBER OF CREDENTIALS COMMITTEE AND BUSHA
HAVE EXPRESSED INTEREST IN WORKING CLOSELY WITH U.S.

DELEGATION IN HANDLING SOUTH VIETNAM
QUESTION IN CONFERENCE. SOVIET MEMBER OF SECRETARIAT
INDICATED TO US THAT SOVIET DELEGATION IS PERPLEXED
FOR MOMENT ABOUT HOW IT SHOULD HANDLE ITSELF ON THIS
QUESTION, AND IS DETERMINED, THEREFORE TO KEEP QUESTION
ON ICE UNTIL IT CAN BE INSTRUCTED.

4. DELEGATION REQUESTS GUIDANCE SOONEST, AND WOULD
APPRECIATE BEING INFORMED OF HOW SOUTH VIETNAM
CREDENTIALS QUESTION IS BEING TREATED IN OTHER
UN SYSTEM CONFERENCES NOW UNDERWAY.

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